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SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—"May I know whether the Government have a scheme to bring these lands under cultivation either by assigning them to the landless poor or by giving encouragement to the cultivators of the neighbouring localities?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"These lands are mostly private lands belonging to private holders. The cost of reclamation is very heavy. Anyhow, the question of easily bringing the lands under cultivation depends not only on the funds that would be allotted for reclamation but also on the land legislation which we will be considering shortly."

Rehabilitation of ex-servicemen

* 2089 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many ex-servicemen were rehabilitated on Co-operative basis in land colonization in Chennakampalayam, Dharapuram taluk, Coimbatore district;

(*b*) how many acres of land were brought under cultivation;

(*c*) the amount given by the Government for the improvement of the land; and

(*d*) the progress achieved so far?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) Thirty ex-servicemen, Sir.

"(*b*) During the last cultivation season 141·42 acres were brought under cultivation—27·47 acres by the ex-servicemen and 111·95 acres by the civilians.

"(*c*) A total amount of Rs. 84,995–13–0; has been spent from Government funds on all capital works. Of this, Rs. 3,333–3–0 was spent on reclamation of lands by manual labour and bull-dozer.

"(*d*) The progress of the colony since 1947 has been very disappointing largely on account of failure of monsoons and lack of irrigation facilities."

Lease under 'pakuthi varam'.

* 2090 *Q.*—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether lease under 'pakuthi varam' has been excluded from the cognizance of the Rent Courts constituted to determine fair rent under the Malabar Tenancy Act; and

(*b*) whether the Rent Court at Ponnani has rejected any application on the ground that such a lease is not under their cognizance?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"(*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative."